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Sherdog & Takeru

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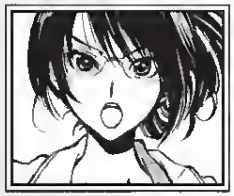
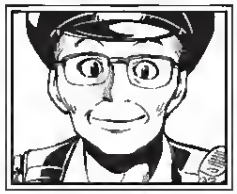


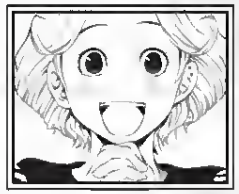
Airin Wajima

Takeru's sister, an inspector in the Violent Crimes Division. Sherdog calls her Irene.



Kosuke Wajima

Takeru's father. A sergeant in the police force.



Satoko Wajima

Takeru's mother. She really hates it when Sherdog sits in her favorite rocking chair.

Akane Nanami

A second-year at London Academy High School, and friend of Takeru and Miki. President of the volunteer club.

Mika Takasugi

The mayor of London, she is gaining attention as the "too beautiful mayor."

THE STORY SO FAR

The puppy Sherdog—reincarnation of Sherlock Holmes—and the ordinary high school student Takeru Wajima team up to solve tough cases! Takeru and company are visiting city hall to interview London's "too beautiful mayor" for the school newspaper. But right before their visit, the mayor was busy killing her former lover...

STORY

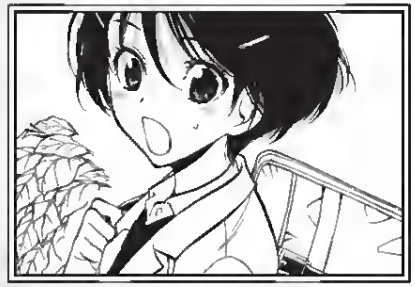
CHARACTERS

Takeru Wajima

A second-year at London Academy High School, he is an ordinary student who loves dogs. He is Sherdog's owner and the one person who can understand him. He and Sherdog must team up to solve all kinds of difficult cases. He has a crush on his childhood friend Miki.

Sherdog (Sherlock Holmes)

The mixed-breed puppy that Takeru adopted. His true identity is that of the world-famous detective, Sherlock Holmes. When he has the Wajima family's heirloom pipe in his mouth, he can speak to Takeru. He solves crimes with Takeru, learning about the modern world in the process.



Miki Arisaka

A second-year at London Academy High School. Takeru's friend since childhood, and a member of the school newspaper staff.

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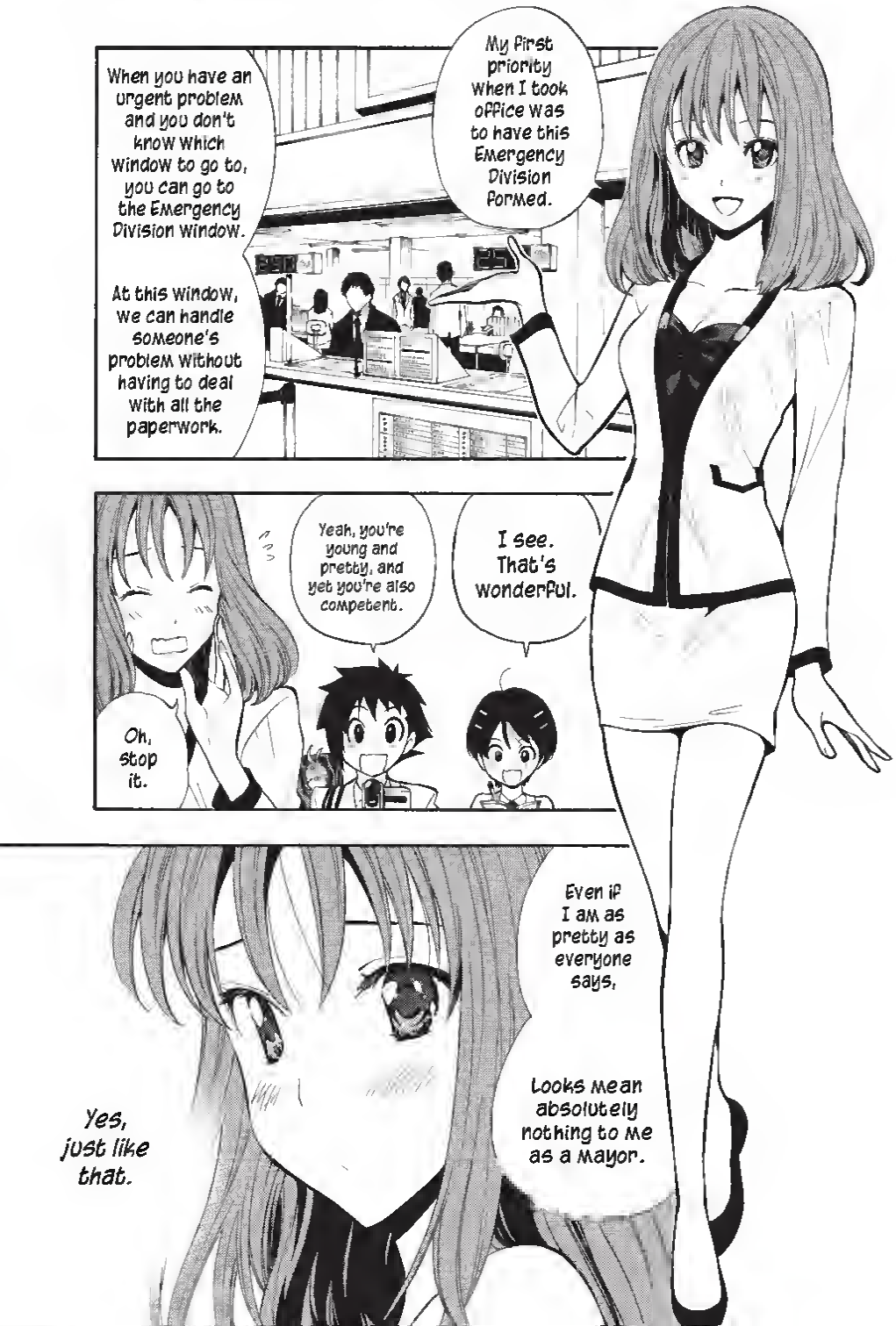
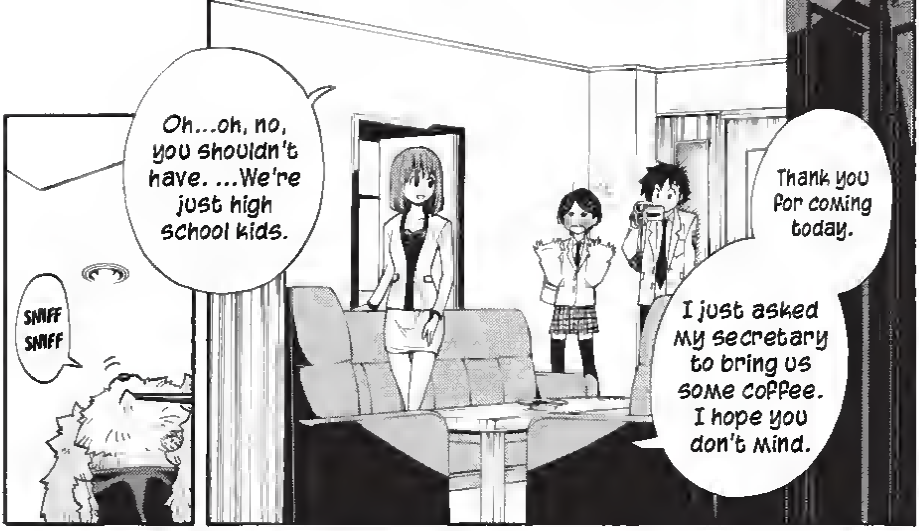
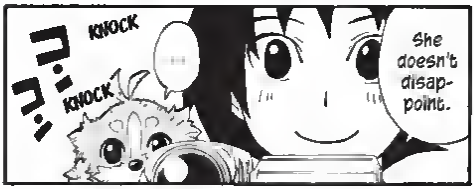
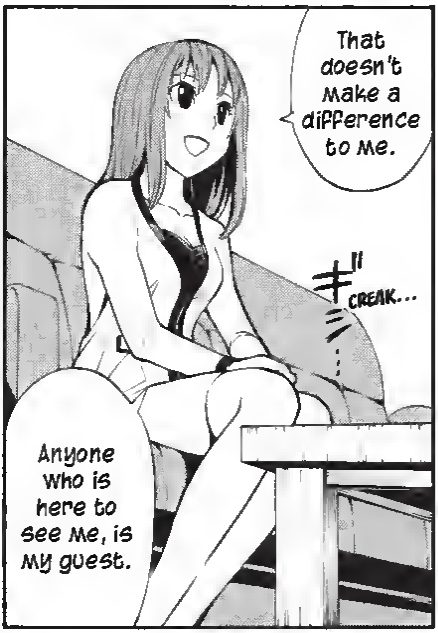
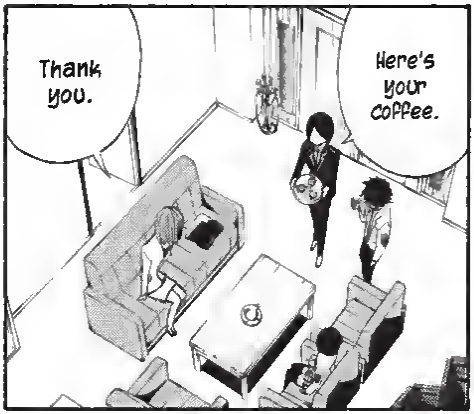

When you have an urgent problem and you don't know which window to go to, you can go to the Emergency Division window.
At this window, we can handle someone's problem without having to deal with all the paperwork.
My first priority when I took office was to have this Emergency Division formed.
I see. That's wonderful.
Yeah, you're young and pretty, and yet you're also competent.
Oh, stop it.
Even if I am as pretty as everyone says,
Looks mean absolutely nothing to me as a Mayor.
Yes, just like that.

Just keep taking my picture.
Don't miss a single thing.
Because that...
...
...will be my rock-solid alibi!

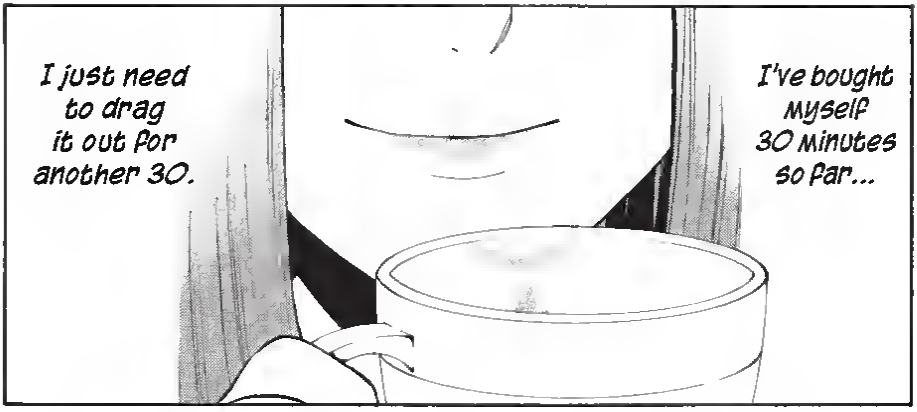

Oh...oh, no, you shouldn't have. ...We're just high school kids.
SNIFF SNIFF
Thank you for coming today.
I just asked my secretary to bring us some coffee. I hope you don't mind.


KNOCK KNOCK
She doesn't disappoint.

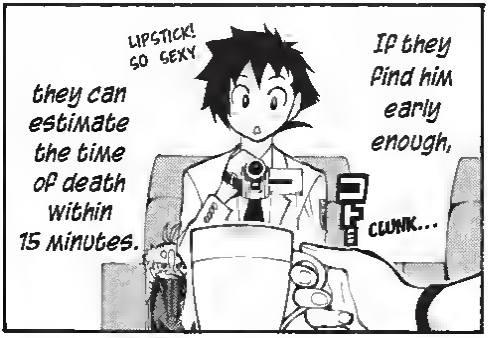

That doesn't make a difference to me.
CREAK...
Anyone who is here to see me, is my guest.


Thank you.
Here's your coffee.

Yes, please do.
I would like to start the interview.
Now if it's okay,

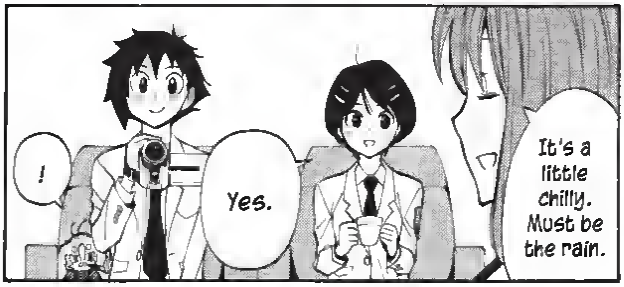

I just need to drag it out for another 30.
I've bought myself 30 minutes so far...

So where would you like to begin?
FWAH


LIPSTICK! SO SEXY
they can estimate the time of death within 15 minutes.
If they find him early enough,
CLUNK...

right up until my next visitors arrive...
If I can keep this interview going

ARF!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Yes.
It's a little chilly. Must be the rain.

Let me just turn that off for you!
STMP!
しゃたっ!
THAT WAS FAST!
Oh, that's okay. Leave it on.
WHOOSH...
ゴォォ...
Oh! The air conditioner is on!
...
UM...Mayor Takasugi.
Yes?
I want to dehumidify the room.
GRIN
Oh! Dehumidify. Right.
HEH HEH
GRRR...

You...you think so? Well, all right...
And I bet a lot of them would love to see where you work.
I hate to impose, but I'm sure you've got tons of fans.
Do you mind if I go around the office to get some pictures?
Thank you very much!
OFF I GO...
What is wrong with that kid?
...

...
It's creepy.
Why does he have to take pictures of every little thing?
Y-yes. What about it?
Ms. Mayor. You said before that you drank from this coffee cup, right?
Huh?
!!
There's no lipstick on it.

And I guess it would bug you even if no one else is around!
Oh, I see!
I'M one of those people. It bugs me.
SQUEAK
I wiped it off.
...Oh.
They don't call you "too beautiful" for nothing.
SERIOUSLY, WHAT IS THIS KID'S PROBLEM?!
You think so? Thank you.

I caught a whiff of cigarette smoke when I came in.
You should take better care of yourself.

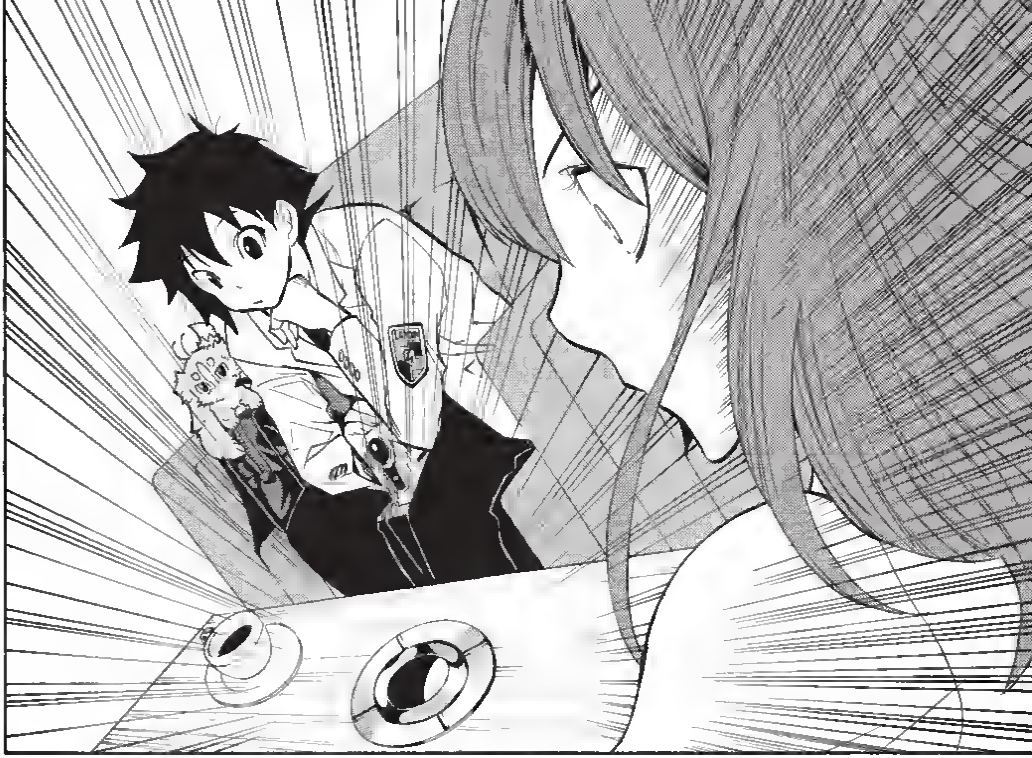
By the way, Ms. Mayor, do you smoke?
What?

Oh!
So you did see someone else.

Crap...
The electrician.
IRK

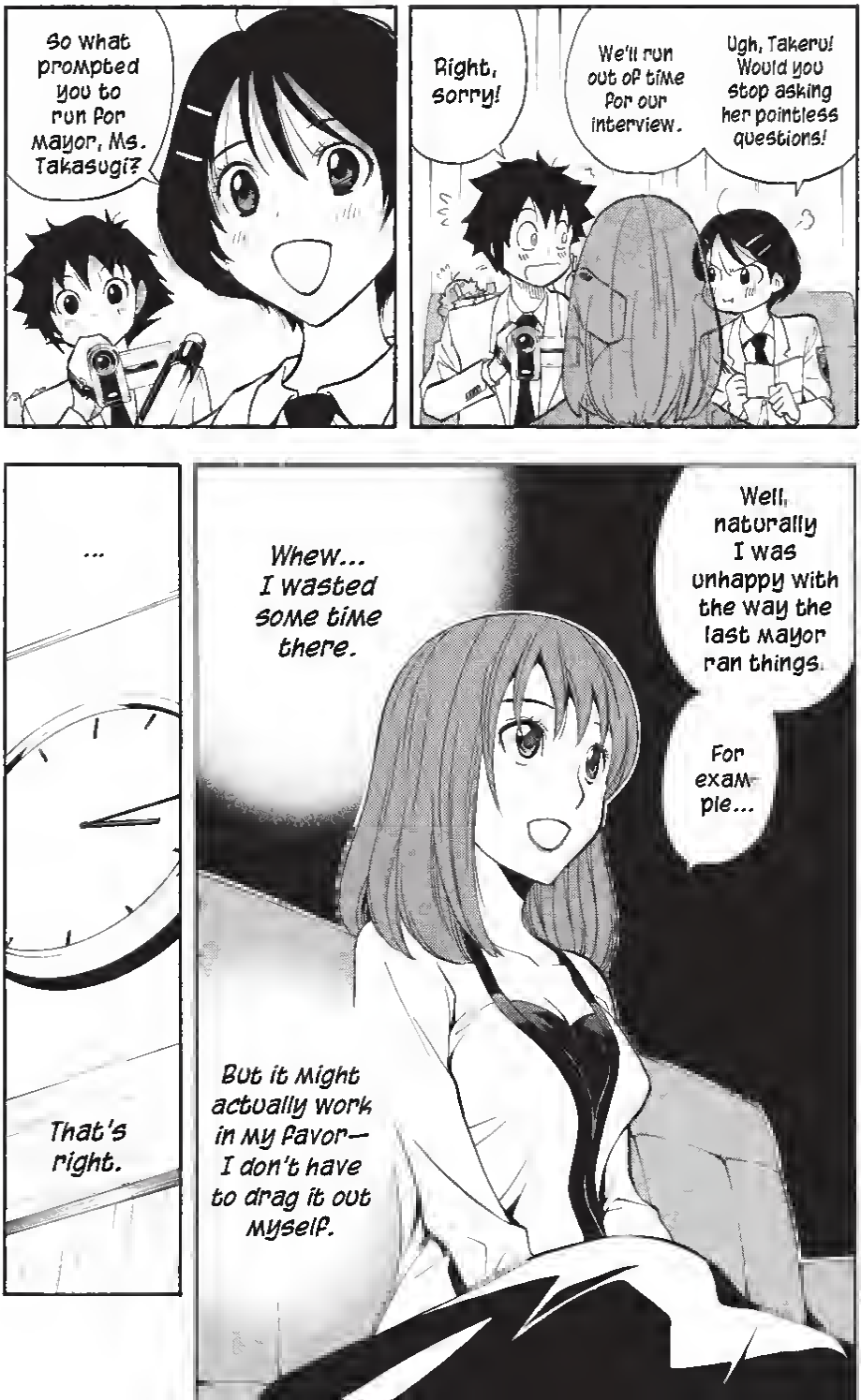
Oh, right.
GLANCE

...It still smelled like his cigarette? I didn't notice.
Maybe the smell was from my previous visitor.
I don't smoke.



What? You emptied it? PERSONALLY?
Because I was expecting you kids.
...Oh, I emptied it—the ashtray, I mean.

TWITCH...
he might have his own portable ashtray.
Oh, okay. I just thought since he's an electrician.


So what prompted you to run for mayor, Ms. Takasugi?
Right, sorry!
We'll run out of time for our interview.
Ugh, Takeru! Would you stop asking her pointless questions!
...
That's right.
Whew... I wasted some time there.
But it might actually work in my favor— I don't have to drag it out myself.
Well, naturally I was unhappy with the way the last mayor ran things.
For example...

THE REAL GAME IS ONLY ABOUT TO BEGIN.

...

I'll grab the coffee pot and...
Then if you still have time,
No, I think that should do it.
BRR-RING
Well, do you have any other questions?
Oh... I see. Let them in right away.
There's someone here to see you.
Hello?
CHAK
Well? Do you think this will make a good article for your school paper?
Yes, of course!
KNOCK KNOCK
I'm sorry I couldn't get you more coffee.
Oh, no, it looks like my next appointment is here.
Oh, it's no problem!
Thank you so much!

Well, if you'll excuse us.
Yes, take care.
It's a pleasure to meet you.
I'm Kobayashi, a politics writer for Mai-Mai Shimbun.
Hello, Ms. Mayor!
KACHAK

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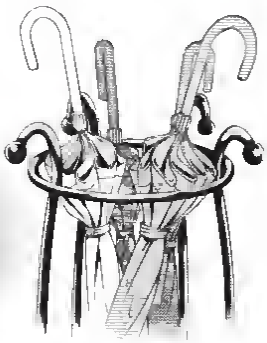
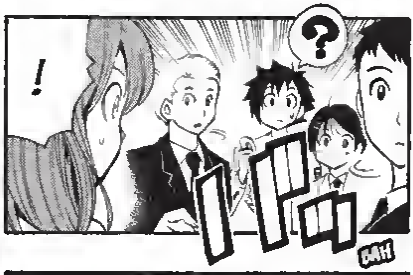
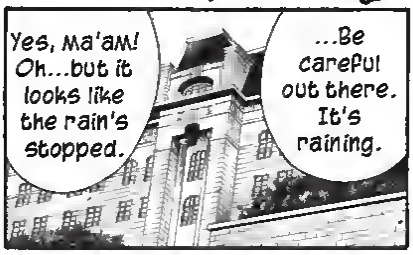
I'm pretty sure the umbrella in the back is his umbrella.



And that boy... of course he'd take that one by mistake.





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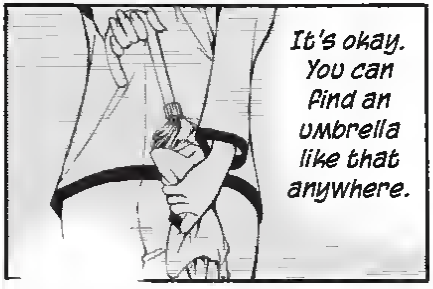

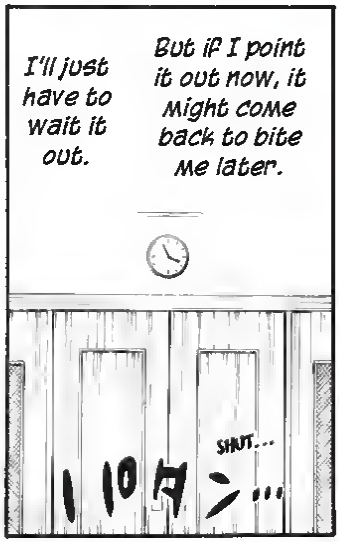

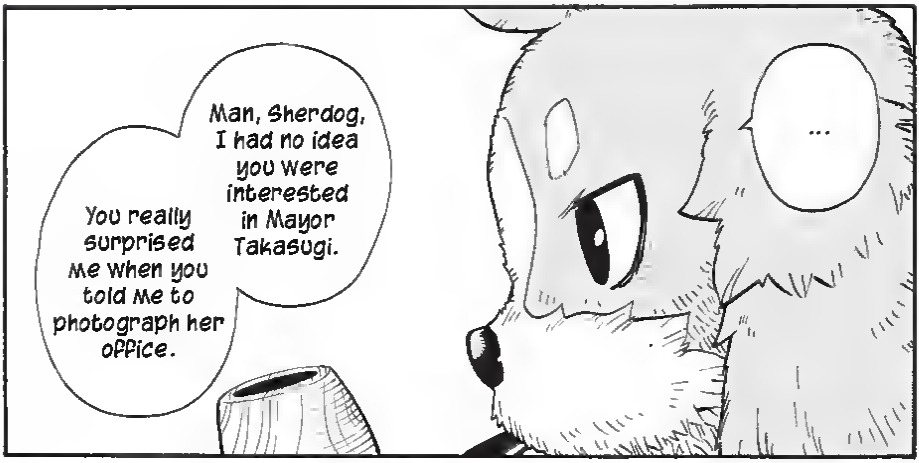
Man, Sherdog, I had no idea you were interested in Mayor Takasugi.
You really surprised me when you told me to photograph her office.
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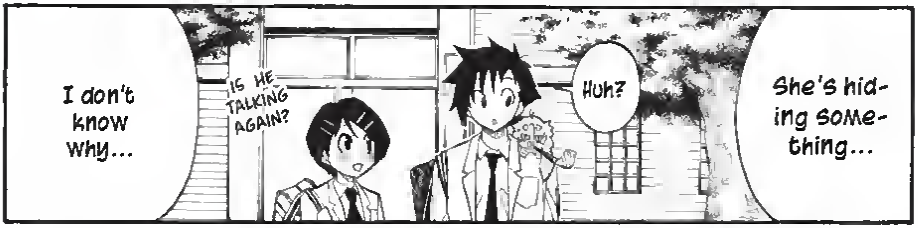
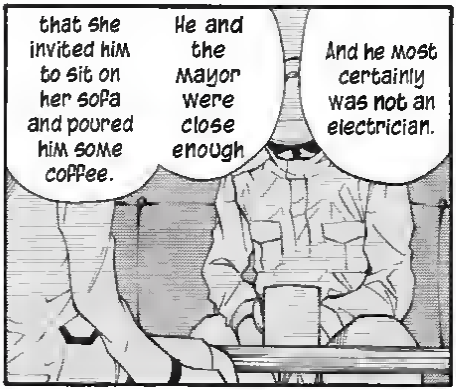
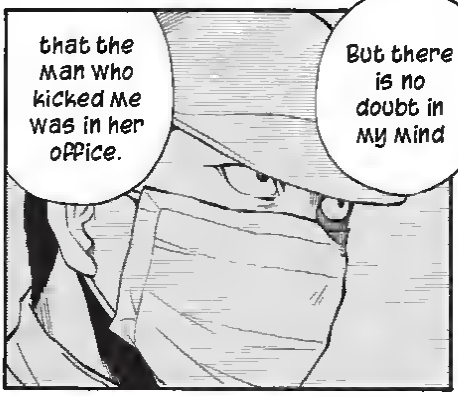
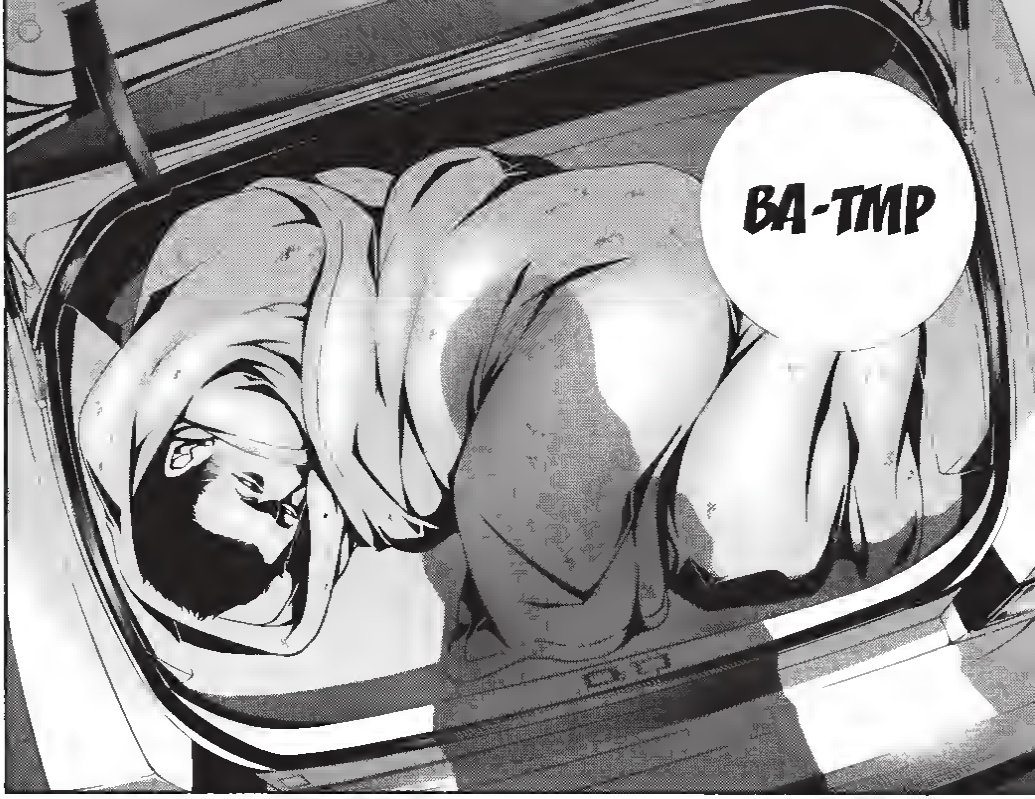

I don't know why...
IS HE TALKING AGAIN?
Huh?
She's hiding something...


that she invited him to sit on her sofa and poured him some coffee.
He and the Mayor were close enough
And he most certainly was not an electrician.


that the man who kicked me was in her office.
But there is no doubt in my mind

he was someone whose visit must absolutely be hidden.
And I am certain that from her perspective,

Hmm... That is weird.
I agree, Watson.
I only hope
This isn't the prelude to something more sinister.


BA-TMP

...

Oof...
ズル…
ZLRR...
ZLRR...
He's heavy!
KAMI-MAGE
Whoops...
...
THUD
SHUT
I'll have to get rid of this somewhere else.

A trash heap.
The perfect resting place for that creep.
VROOM